...and Speaker Nancy Pelosi has withdrawn the bill from the legislative calendar.

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Entirely separate from the \$1.2 trillion Democrat "stimulus" spending bill passed by the House last week with no Republican support, this additional estimated half-trillion dollar omnibus spending bill was scheduled for consideration as early as today. Pelosi removed the bill from the legislative calendar yesterday amid Democrat fears that the actual omnibus spending bill may help scuttle passage of the trillion-dollar "stimulus" spending bill already in very deep trouble in the Senate.

House Republican Conference chairman Mike Pence (R-Ind.) and Rep. Robert Aderholt (R-Ala.), ranking member of the House Legislative Branch Appropriations Subcommittee, challenged the Democratic leadership to make the omnibus spending bill available on the internet -- now -- for public review.

"There were some estimates that it [the actual omnibus spending bill] would be upwards to \$500 billion, and I know I speak for my colleague and for all House Republicans when I say that we urge the Democratic leadership and Chairman Obey to release that bill to the public," Pence said. "For whatever reason, the bill has been delayed. We believe this is an opportunity for even greater public scrutiny and we, today, are urging Chairman Obey and the Democratic leadership to make the omnibus bill available to the public on the internet and to the media so that it can be examined. We can use this additional time to make sure the American people know both the broad outlines and the specific details of the next massive government spending bill...We take President Obama at his word; that he wants to bring a new era of transparency to the process of developing the nation's laws and spending the people's money."